

To : COMMANDER IN CHIEF
BRITISH ARMY OF THE RHINE.

From : Frau Weispfennig,
Märkische Str. 112, Dortmund.

Date : 3rd November 1945.

PETITION FOR PARDON.

Sir ,

Being the wife of Marinestabsarzt Dr. Walter Weispfennig, I am turning to you to save the life of my husband, both for my own sake and the sake of my children. I have two small daughters, aged one and three years. (The youngest one has never even seen her father!) It is only natural that we love him with all our hearts, and that his death sentence shatters our life completely. We have lost everything in the war, and my husband was our only support. Only a year ago my home town was bombed and both my father and my dear mother, whose love I shall never forget, were killed, as well as all my other relations that were staying with us. I had hardly recovered from the terrible shock, when fate dealt a much more terrible blow at me. Having lost all our relations, the life of my husband has become very precious to us. The execution of my husband would also be a terrible punishment to me and my poor children.

I am putting all my faith and hope in your kindness Sir, and I implore you with all my heart to let him live, who means everything to us, - who has been the best of fathers and whom I love more than my very life.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Frau Weispfennig.